

THE BLACK STRUGGLE OPENS UP AT SIR GEORGE:

The arbitrary behaviour and delaying tactics of the Sir George Williams University administration, faced with charges of racism against one of their white professors since April 1968, is typical of the other North American universities challenged by black students.

Not only are black students protesting against the racist policies of the schools (such as discrimination in admissions and Columbia's encroachment on the only park in Harlem), they are demanding that the universities do something to end racism. They are demanding that the universities be a source of aid in their struggle against a racist society. They want a new admissions, hiring, and study programme for blacks that would compensate for the educational backwardness imposed on students in the ghetto schools. They want Afro-American Studies departments under the control of its students and staff to keep them out of the hands of the racists that have distorted black history for so long. But, in the context of a racist society where they play an integral role, the universities are unable to grant these reasonable democratic demands of the black students. They can't even put a stop to the overt racism that black students face daily.

The question at hand is whether Professor John Doe is guilty of racism. The real question is whether the SGWU administration sets the policy of racism. The promotion of this man since the charges were laid, and the disposal of radical faculty members should make Sir George policy clear. A secret letter, released from the Simon Fraser administration files by the student occupation forces, makes it even more clear. The letter suggests that representations be made "to the Federal government with the view to a reappraisal of the provisions of the Immigration Act that permit an unchecked flow of foreign students into our schools."

Let's have a hearing, an open hearing, into the charges of racism against this professor, but while we're at it, let's have a look at the Sir George admissions and hiring and firing policies. Let's have a look at all the secret files in the administration offices, and then judge for ourselves who's to blame.

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